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SUBJECT: US/FRENCH BILATERAL R & D COOPERATION:  
BUILDING TECHNOLOGY

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1) JAMES L. HAECKER, CENTER FOR BUILDING TECHNOLOGY,  
INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED TECHNOLOGY, MET ON 2 SEPT WITH  
MR. GEORGE HEIRHOLTZ OF THE FRENCH CENTER FOR BUILDING  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CSTB) FOR DISCUSSIONS ON US/  
FRENCH SCHOOL FACILITIES STUDY TEAM AND GENERAL BUILD-  
ING TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION.

2. THEY AGREED THAT FRENCH TEAM REPORT ON SCHOOL  
FACILITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE ON OR ABOUT SEPT 15 FOR  
DISTRIBUTION BY HAECKER, WHO WAS U.S. COORDINATOR OF  
THE FRENCH TEAM VISIT. THEY DISCUSSED PRELIMINARY  
PLANNING FOR A RETURN VISIT TO FRANCE BY U.S. BUILD-  
ING EXPERTS TO TAKE PLACE SOMETIME BETWEEN MARCH 1  
AND MAY 31, 1976. TENTATIVE TOPICS FOR THIS RETURN  
VISIT ARE A) CENTRALIZED VS DECENTRALIZED ADMINISTRA-  
TION; B) ECONOMIC STUDIES ON AIR CONDITIONING AND  
OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS;  
C) POTENTIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND SCHOOL FACILI-  
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TIES; D) CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES; E) FACILITIES

DESIGN GUIDES AND CRITERIA; F) FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT. TENTATIVE ITINERARY WILL INCLUDE VISITS IN METROPOLITAN PARIS AND ENVIRONS, AND IN RURAL AND METROPOLITAN AREAS IN SOUTHERN FRANCE.

3. MESSRS. HAECKER AND HEIRHOLTZ REVIEWED SEVERAL ACTION ITEMS RELATED TO TOPICS REPORTED IN REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:

A) U.S. TEAM REPORT ON FRENCH MEDICAL FACILITIES SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY END OF SEPTEMBER 1975.

B) PROGRESS ON A COOPERATIVE PROJECT IN THE AREA OF BUILDING ECONOMICS HAS BEEN STARTED WITH EXCHANGE OF REPORTS AND TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS BETWEEN MR. URIEN (CSTB) AND DR. MARSHALL (NBS).

C) MR. HEIRHOLTZ REQUESTS THAT DR. PFRANG SUBMIT SUMMARY REPORT ON RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION. HEIRHOLTZ REALIZES THAT SOME DATA MISSING, BUT WILL ATTEMPT TO FILL IN BLANKS UPON RECEIPT OF SUMMARY REPORT.

D) DR. JOHN LYONS (IAT) AND MR. CAPRET (CSTB) ARE EXCHANGING TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS ON FIRES IN BUILDINGS.

E) MR. JOSSE (CSTB), UNDERTAKING WORK ON PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES ON THE INFLUENCE OF ISOLATION CHARACTERIS-

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TICS RELEVANT TO WORDS AND MUSIC, REQUESTS RUBIN (NBS) TO CONSIDER OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION BASED ON PREVIOUS NBS EXPERIENCE. HEIRHOLTZ AND HAECKER AGREE THAT NOW WOULD BE A PARTICULARLY GOOD TIME TO BEGIN A JOINT EFFORT IN THIS AREA.

F) HAECKER IS TO CHECK WITH POWELL (NBS) REGARDING DOCUMENTATION OF SOLAR EXPERIMENTS ON THE HERCUFORM HOUSE AND, IF AVAILABLE, REQUESTS POWELL TO SEND INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO MR. JOSSE (CSTB).

G) HAECKER IS TO CHECK WITH M. ISLER (NBS) ON WORK IN CONSUMER PRODUCT PERFORMANCE. IF NEW OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE, REQUEST THAT SAME BE FORWARDED TO MR. ROSSI.

H) HEIRHOLTZ REPORTS THAT ALL INFO REQUESTED FROM DR. JAMES WRIGHT DURING HIS APRIL VISIT, REFTEL, HAS BEEN RECEIVED, AS WELL AS ALL DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS REQUESTED DURING FRENCH SCHOOL TEAM VISIT.

3. MR. ROSSI IS EXPECTING DR. RICHARD WRIGHT TO VISIT CSTB ON SEPT 22 FOR AN INITIAL ORIENTATION AND GENERAL OVERVIEW OF CSTB LABORATORIES.

4. HAECKER RETURNS NBS SEPT 4. HE IS VERY PLEASED WITH PROGRESS OF MEETINGS AND CONTINUING STRONG UNCLASSIFIED

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